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This service is important because the area is so rural. Some people's nearest neighbor is about 2 miles away. With this service communication is much easier

Sincerely,

*Vanessa Fuo Lane*

Cc: Commissioner Susan Ness  
Commissioner Harold-Furchtgott-Roth  
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*Denise Bibb*

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*Wireless service is very important to us on  
the Res. The problem is we need to have  
another tower to put more service into the lines  
Can't get enough now it goes out for long distance +  
lots of static can't hear.*

Sincerely,

*Katherine Stan*

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*I think we need more towers on the  
reservations. Because at times when we  
make calls it cannot go through to the  
other person. And I would encourage the  
Company to put up the towers.*

Sincerely,

*Karen Weasel Bear*

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*It provides access to people living way out in  
the country.*

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*Jackie Roulund*

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Sincerely, *Daniel Merrill*

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*We are out in The Badlands or in our  
vehicles traveling the long distances we  
must travel to shop.  
And it is impossible to call right in town.  
People must park on a hill near White Clay.*

Sincerely,  
*Charlotte Hernandez*

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The towers will enable us to be able to communicate with others in cases of emergency, like an accident on a back road to one of the cities. We travel on these to ~~and~~ travel to town and back before the stores close. And many of us cannot afford just a home phone. We need to carry a phone to communicate.

Sincerely,

Dawn Gauthier

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I believe telephone service is greatly needed for  
my people because ~~we~~ our housing is so  
far from many resources needed such as the  
hospital, police, etc.

Sincerely,

*Pamela Watson*  
Pamelyn Watson

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Sincerely, *Matthew Gealous*

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*Millie M. White Plume*

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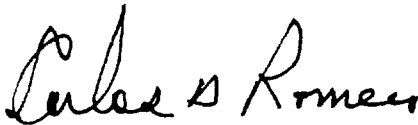
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*Having residential wireless phone service  
is vital for the Pine Ridge reservation.*

Sincerely,

*Pang Dravins*

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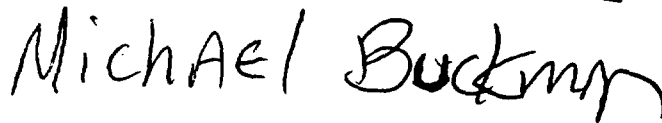
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Because Regular Phone Company  
Golden West kept disconnecting our service  
when our phone bill was late. That made it  
harder for us to communicate over vast distances.  
And it's cheaper, and affordable.

Sincerely,



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*I am handicapped and like the  
local service provided to call my  
Doctor in Rapid City.*

Sincerely,

*Theresa Gemin*

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② Communication is available to the  
low-income. ③ Another plus is Rapid City  
and other surrounding areas which were  
considered long distance in the past are  
now local. This makes it easier for people  
who need to schedule M.D. appts. in Rapid

Sincerely,

*Chrysan M. Herman*

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I think it would be good and helpful  
to alot of people without phones. Some of  
us need them for work and emergencies,  
to get hold of others. alot of people  
in our area are with out phones. We  
are usually using pay phones. so this  
will really help.

Sincerely,

Jordany Nelson

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*because its a big help when your stranded  
in a snow storm or car trouble Golden west  
understand money is not everything. This helps  
out elders our Elders people*

Sincerely,

*Robert Stenaling Salas*

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I feel we should have these  
phones, because a lot of us are on fixed  
incomes and have medical disabilities and  
need these phones for medical purposes. Some  
are able to afford these financially, especially  
we. Some of us live in the country where we  
don't have regular telephone wiring and are  
unable to pay to have these services installed  
for us.

Sincerely,

Alvina DuBay

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*We need the phones for Lakota people.  
Freije Chap. Lakota people need a choice.*

Sincerely,

KENNY SHANGREAY

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1. Need to have choice
2. Affordable, greatly needed

Sincerely,

*Melvin L. Miles*

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local.*

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*Amanda Wheeler*

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*These telephones are a lot better and easier  
to deal with than the other telephone company.  
And benefits the Lakota people in many ways.*

Sincerely,

*Lene  
Rose  
Cypke*

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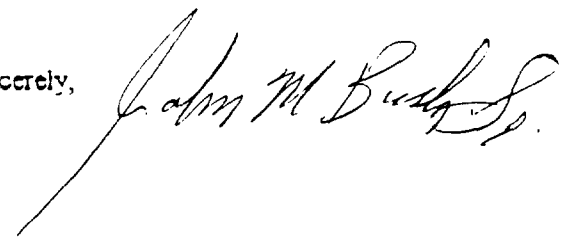
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local calls. Have kids & people in hospital  
at Rapid can be called easily. Very good  
phone.*

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is good for the Lakota people  
on the reservation

Sincerely, Clara Marshall

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